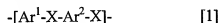


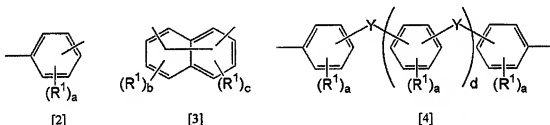
AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 5-6 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

It is more preferable that a block having substantially no acid group is a polymer in which a repeating unit is represented by the general formula [1].



wherein X represents an oxygen atom or a sulfur atom, and Ar^1 and Ar^2 represent independently an aromatic group represented by the following formula [2], [3] or [4]:



R^1 represents an alkyl group of a carbon number of 1 to 10, a halogenated alkyl group of a carbon number of 1 to 10, a halogenated aryl group, a hydroxyl group, an acetyl group, a benzoyl group, a nitrile group, a nitro group or a halogen atom. When there are plural $(\text{R}^1)_s$, they may be the same as or different from each other, ~~or~~ and $(\text{R}^1)_s$ may be bound together so that the bond is a part of a cyclic structure. And, a, b and c represent independently an integer of 0 to 4, a sum of b and c is 0 to 6, and d represents an integer of 0 to 2. Y represents a direct bond, -O-, -S-, -C(O)-, -SO₂-, -C(R²)₂-, an alkylene group of a carbon number of 1 to 6, a halogenated alkylene group of a carbon number of 1 to 10, an alkylenedioxy group of a carbon number of 1 to 6, or an halogenated alkylenedioxy group of a carbon number of 1 to 10. When there are a plural of $(\text{Y})_s$, they may be the same or different. Any one of R^1 and Y (when ~~they there are~~ a plural of each R^1 and Y, at least one of them) contains a halogen atom. $(\text{R}^2)_s$ represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl

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group of a carbon number of 1 to 10 or a halogenated alkyl group of a carbon number of 1 to 10, and two (R^2)s may be the same or different from each other, or (R^2)s may be bound together so that the bond is a part of a cyclic structure.